

3. The county superintendent of public welfare acts as petitioner for all persons who are inmates of State institutions not classified as penal or charitable. This includes educational institutions, such as the State School for Blind and Deaf.

B. For operations on individuals in county institutions:

(Use Form No. 1 - Petition for Operation of Sterilization or Asexualization - Inmate of State or County Institution.)

If the individual is an inmate of a charitable or penal institution supported by the county, the executive head of the institution or the county superintendent of public welfare shall act as petitioner. Usually the county superintendent of public welfare will be the petitioner since it will be necessary for his office to arrange for the medical care, secure consents, etc.

C. For operations on all other individuals:

(Use Form No. 2 - Petition for Operation of Sterilization or Asexualization - Non-Institutional Patient.)

The county superintendent of public welfare shall always file the petition if the individual to be sterilized is not an inmate of a State or county institution.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR FILING PETITION

The law requires that the petition contain a statement of the mental and physical condition of the person, verified by the affidavit of at least one physician who has had actual knowledge of the case. The following information is specifically required in each case:

I. Information Regarding Physical Condition.

This information is given by the physician in the Medical History section of Form No. 1 or No. 2 - Petition for Operation of Sterilization or Asexualization. The specific information requested in the form should be given.

II. Information Regarding Mental Condition.

The physician giving the information requested in the above paragraph should also give specific information regarding the mental condition of the person. If the person is mentally ill or epileptic, a specific diagnosis of the person's condition should be given. If the person is feeble-minded, the physician should indicate this. In the latter case, the petition should also give the intelligence quotient, mental age, or other results of a mental examination of the person to be sterilized. If this information is not already available, the county superintendent of public welfare should make a referral to the Division of Psychiatric and Psychological Services, State